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APPLICATIONS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

These comments are being submitted in response to the Examiners Notice of Allowance that issued September 10, 2004, and specifically in response to "the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance" contained therein. In the statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner states that "Applicants independent claim 12 recites, inter alia, an apparatus for tracking an object of interest in a video processing system with the structure as defined in the specification...".

The Applicant's would like to respectfully point out that the structure of claim 12 is defined by the elements (e.g., a processor and a camera) of claim 12. The specification is provided for

illustrative purposes and is not intended to be utilized for unnecessarily limiting claim structure.

CONCLUSIONS

It is believed that Claims 1-5, 7-16, and 18-25 are allowable based on the elements contained in the claims itself and are not intended to be limited to merely the illustrative structure discussed in the specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Sir:

Enclosed are THREE (3) sheets of formal drawings,
including changes which have been approved by the Examiner,
for filing in the above-identified application.

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